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Dear Examiner:

Applicants respectfully respond to the Examiner's Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.121 mailed on December 8, 2005 for the above referenced patent application. Since the due date for this response fell on Sunday, January 8, 2006, the Applicants' Response is being timely submitted via Facsimile on Monday, January 9, 2006. Please find enclosed herewith, a corrected **Listing of Claims** in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121.

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